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Applicant's undersigned attorney wishes to inquire as to the status of the above application.

The undersigned was advised over the telephone by the Examiner that the above application was allowed. No communications have been received from the USPTO since the Office Action received on December 13, 2007. It is respectfully requested that Applicant's undersigned attorney be advised of the status of the above application.

Respectfully_submitted,

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